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SUBJ: 80 ARRESTED IN MARCH ON INCIRLIK TO BE TRIED BY STATE

SECURITY COURT

REF: ADANA 205

1. ACCORDING TO PUBLIC STATEMENT BY ADANA FIRST SECTION POLICE CHIEF, 80 OF 158 DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED AT ADANA DURING ABORTED 30 AUG MARCH ON INCIRLIK WILL BE TAKEN TODAY TO THE ADANA STATE SECURITY COURT FOR TRIAL. 78 OTHERS WERE RELEASED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION. ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT, THE ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS HAD CONFESSED THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF TURKISH PEOPLES LIBERATION

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ORGANIZATION. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MARCH, IT CHARGED, WAS TO CREATE INCIDENTS AND CAUSE A PUBLIC SENSATION. FIREARMS AND BOMBS WERE FOUND ON THE DEMONSTRATORS. HAD THE DEMONSTRATORS NOT CREATED AN INCIDENT IN FRONT OF THE NAP BUILDING THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE USED THE BOMBS IN FRONT OF INCIRLIK INSTEAD. THE STATEMENT ALSO ASSERTED THAT EFFORTS WERE NOW UNDERWAY TO CLOSE THE PEOPLES

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UNIONS, BUT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARCH COMMITTEE, KEMAL
DENIREL, AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS WHO DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS BEFORE
THE
MARCH WERE STILL AT LARGE.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT AMONG THE ASSERTED WERE GUN ZITELI
AND FEYZI ZITELI, TPLO MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED AND SENTENCED
FOR INVOLVEMENT IN INCIDENTS PRIOR TO MARCH 12, 1971, BUT LATER
RELEASED UNDER THE 1974 GENERAL AMNESTY.

3. COMMENT. ADANALIS IN GENERAL HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR EITHER THE
MAOIST

MARCHERS NOR THE NAP COMMANDOS. NEVERTHE LESS, THE FACT THAT NO
NAP
COMMANDOS WERE ARRESTED OR EVEN TAKEN IN FOR INTERROGATION, WHEN
IT IS

GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THEY THREW THE FIRST STONES, HAS BEEN THE
SOURCE OF SOME SARCASTIC COMMENT HERE. JONES

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